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SUBJECT: STATE AND PARTY VISITS TO BULGARIA

1. DURING PAST WEEK BULGARIANS CONTINUED ACTIVE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY BY MEANS OF VISITS. MOST PUBLIC ATTENTION GIVEN VISIT BY PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN DELEGATION.

2. PDRY DELEGATION LED BY CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL AND DEPUTY SECGEN OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL FRONT, SALIM RUBAYI 'ALI, GIVEN EXCEPTIONALLY EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE DURING 8-12 JULY STAY. "OFFICIAL DECLARATION" WAS ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT IN ADDITION TO USUAL COMMUNIQUE. BOTH DOCUMENTS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH

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SUPPORT FOR ARAB CAUSES INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI

FORCES FROM OCCUPIED AREAS. DOCUMENTS CALLED FOR SPEEDY AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CSCE AND PRAISED EFFORTS TOWARD DISARMAMENT WHILE CONDEMNING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA AND THE MILITARY COUP IN CHILE, BUT WERE LARGELY REPETITIOUS ITERATIONS OF COOPERATION AND UNITY OF TWO PEOPLES.

3. NOTICEABLY LACKING WERE DIRECT PRAISE OF USSR AND CONDEMNATION CHINESE OR MENTION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST AND WORKER PARTIES IN WHICH BULGARIA INTERESTED. BULGARIANS MAY WELL HAVE EXERCISED RESTRAINT IN ORDER TO CURRY YEMENI AND ARAB FAVOR THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN SOLVING OIL PROBLEMS. AN AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WAS SIGNED DURING THE VISIT.

4. ANOTHER VISITOR (JULY 9-13) WAS THE HEAD OF DEPART-

MENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST PARTY, VLADISLAV OBRADOVICH. THERE WAS LITTLE MEDIA COVERAGE OF VISIT BILLED AS "EX-CHANGE OF VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL RELATIONS". ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE, IT IS LIKELY THAT MACEDONIAN QUESTION AND A HIGH LEVEL VISIT WERE DISCUSSED. (THE BULGARIAN PRESS GAVE LIMITED COVERAGE OF TITO'S VISIT TO ROMANIA BUT DID NOT PUBLISH THE COMMUNIQUE NOR HAS ANY COMMENT APPEARED AS YET.)

5. OTHER RECENT DELEGATIONS IN BULGARIA INCLUDED NORTH VIETNAMESE LED BY DEPUTY PREMIER LE THANH NGHI (DISCUSSION OF COOPERATION IN FIELD OF PLANNING), AND TRADE DELEGATIONS OF CUBA, SRI LANKA AND USSR. ALL WERE RECEIVED AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVELS.

6. VISITS CONTINUE WITH ARRIVAL JULY 15 OF DELEGATION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF NORTH KOREAN LABOR PARTY HEADED BY CANDIDATE MEMBER OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE KIM EN NAM.

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